Local Happenings ✣ ✣ Of The Week.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY.

A Hose Thief.

A thief night before last stole fifty feet of hose from the yard of Mr. Jas. Dunn on East Second street.

Wants a Divorce.

James Vance filed suit in the district court yesterday for divorce from his wife, Marry Vance, on the ground of desertion.

Justice Stuart's.

Chas. and Henry Williams, both colored, were arraigned before Justice Stuart yesterday, charged with beating their sister, Mary Williams. They were fined $5 and trimmings each.

Judge Brooks' Court.

The following proceedings were had in the Twenty-sixth district court yesterday:

The State vs. Mrs. N. V. Dittlinger, administratrix, taxes, was settled and dismissed.

Pope vs. Hofsteder, continued by consent.

Building Permits.

City Clerk John O. Johnson issued the following building permits yesterday:

W. F. McGehee, for an addition to house on Congress avenue, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, to cost $600.

E. W. Jett, for a frame building on South Congress avenue on lot 3, block 19, of South Austin, to cost $325.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Of the Highland Presbyterian Church on August Street.

Meetings opened every night with a song service at 8:15 p. m. Preaching at 8:30 p. m. The meeting will be conducted by Rev. R. M. Hall of San Antonio. Come and help and bring your friends.

Still at Large.

The mule and yellow no-top buggy, stolen from a Webberville colored man in Masontown a few nights ago, are still at large.

He Was Scooped.

Monroe Hudson, a colored barber, was arrested yesterday on a charge of breaking into the house of his wife, who has separated from him.

Horticultural Committee.

A meeting of the horticural committee appointed by Mayor Hancock, notice of which appeared in yesterday's Statesman, has been called by the chairman to meet in the office of the commissioner of agriculture on Tuesday, the 11th of May, at 3:30 p. m. All members of the committee should make it a point to be present.

Still They Come.

City Clerk John O. Johnson issued the following building permits yesterday:

Home Builders' association, for one cottage for W. F. Twindell in the Bouldin addition, to cost $300.

For a cottage for Mrs. Smith on Ruiz street, to cost $300.

For a residence for Mary and Nannie Dawson in Bouldin addition, to cost $1000.

IN THE TOILS.

Sheriff White Left for Louisiana After an Austin Boy.

Yesterday Sheriff White received a telegram from the sheriff at Shreveport, La., stating that he had Bob Thompson in jail at that place. Thompson is a young man who is well known in this city, and is wanted here on two charges of burglary. A requisition for Thompson was issued by the governor of Texas on the governor of Louisiana.

Departure of Mrs. Rood.

Mrs. Irene Rood, who has been in Austin this past winter on a most laudable mission, to induce the legislature to enact a law requiring humane lessons to be taught in the public schools, and who organized the Austin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was suddenly called to Chicago on account of the illness of her sister and left for that city on the noon train Thursday. Mrs. Rood made many friends in this city by her gracious manners, who will regret that she was compelled to leave Austin so suddenly.

A Close Call.

Yesterday Mrs. Barber, a lady living in west Austin, had a narrow escape. The timely arrival of a doctor and a stomach pump saved her life. There is a new kind of washing soap called "Laundrin," which has been freely distributed around the city. It is highly flavored, and looks very much like beeswax. Mrs. Barber, while engaged in washing, put a piece of it into her mouth and began chewing. She does not remember whether she swallowed it or not, but it made her very sick, and when the doctor arrived she was in a bad way. The stomach pump was used, and the lady is now doing nicely.

Globe Trotters.

Yesterday two young men, Messrs. A. S. Angell and C. H. Martin, attracted considerable attention on the streets. They are globe trotters, and left New Orleans on the 19th, on a wager of $5000 to make the trip around the world in 365 days, on the following conditions: They are to travel in any manner they choose. They can rustle, borrow, beg or steal, and they say they started without a cent, and must return in the time allotted with at least $1000 each. They left for San Antonio on the 4:20 train, from which place they go to San Francisco. They sell souvenirs, and accept anything offered, and seem to be getting along all right. They have had several bitter experiences since they left New Orleans, and will probably meet many more before they get back.

THE STATE DEPARTMENTS.

Items of General Interest Found In the State House Yesterday.

The Western Union Telegraph company yesterday paid the comptroller $1603 tax on messages for the quarter ending March 31, 1897. Number of messages sent during quarter: Full rate, 152,882; half rate, 14,836. The tax on full rate messages is 1 per cent, and on half rate messages 1-2 cent each.

Bonds Registered.

The comptroller yesterday registered a $3000 issue of Yoakum city street improvement bonds.

Charter Filed.

The Oak Cliff College for Young Ladies yesterday filed its charter with the secretary of state. The principal office of the corporation will be at Oak Cliff, Dallas county, and its captital stock is $25,000. The incorporators are John W. Roach, John A. Barnard, W. L. Diamond and M. Thomas Edgerton.

IN THE HALLS OF JUSTICE.

Business in the Twenty-Sixth District and Minor Courts.

The following proceedings were had yesterday in the Twenty-sixth district court, Judge Brooks presiding:

S. Bailetti vs. Cora B. Bailletti, divorce; divorce granted and property divided as follows: The plaintiff is awarded lot No. 1 in block No. 7, in outlot No. 203, division B, in the city of Austin, with improvements thereon, which property is to be subject to payment of all community debts of plaintiff and defendant.

To defendant is awarded lot No. 6, block No. 8, in outlot No. 203, division B, with improvements thereon, together with all household and kitchen furniture, plaintiff to pay all costs of suit.

D. H. Hotchkiss, guardian, vs. J. H. Freeman et al., note and lien; judgment for plaintiff against both defendants for $142 and $14.20 attorney's fees and foreclosure.

Motions and questions of law will be heard today.

Recorder's Court.

Recorder Carleton disposed of the following cases yesterday:

J. W. Turner, intoxication; fined $5.

M. C. Johnson, intoxication; fined $5.

FROM SUNDAY'S DAILY.

AT LAST

All the Suspected Murderers in a Lampasas Killing Under Arrest.

Deputy Sheriff Joe Corwin is back from Lampasas, where he went with attached witnesses wanted by the grand jury, which is now engaged in the investigation of a horrible murder that took place in Lampasas about two years ago.

A poor dissolute woman was murdered, and her body, weighted with stones, was thrown into one of the Lampasas springs.

She was missed from her usual haunts, and some three or four days after her disappearance her body was discovered in the spring. Certain young men were suspected of the murder, and three of them are now under arrest, the last arrest being made a few days ago.

The woman was last seen alive with the men under arrest.

The witnesses carried to Lampasas are the men who discovered the body.

Deputy Sheriff Corwin reports heavy rains in Lampasas and Burnet counties, and crops look well.

A Kyle Social Event.

Kyle, Tex., May 8.—(Special.)—The most unique and charming event that for many days has enlivened the social circles of Kyle was the reception given by the Banquo club at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wallace, Tuesday, May 4, 1897.

From 9 to 12 p. m. the hospitable doors of the spacious residence were thrown open, while every window was ablaze with light, and the fragrance of sweet-scented flowers floated out on the night air.

Misses Whisenant, Bunton, Young, Kyle, Wallace, Sledge, King and Porter, members of the club, dressed in airy organdies and sheeny satins, bedecked with flowers, welcomed the guests in the double parlors. These rooms presented a brilliant scene. Over the doorway, drapery in the colors of the club—red, white and blue—fell in graceful folds around a golden B, while flowers of choicest varieties bloomed in profusion on every side.

Throughout the evening the guests filed out in couples to the dining room, where ice cream and cake were served. Misses Rosa Kyle, Nora Lunday, Pearle Whisenant and Mary Young were veritable Hebes in the grace with which they presided over the tables. Cedar, twined with white ribbon, hung in artistic festoons from the ceiling, with innumerable loops of red and yellow ribbon clinging to the festoons of green and white. Magnolias and pansies adorned the tables. The rarest pot plants greeted the eyes of the feasting guests while listening to the strains of sweet music furnished by Miss Storts, Mrs. T. Nance and Mrs. F. Nance.

It was drawing toward the "wee sma'" hours of the night before a rustle of departure was heard, and then words of appreciation and pleasure fell from all lips.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wallace, Rev. and Mrs. Alexander, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. E. Nance, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. Nance, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sion, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Harold, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lunday, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Houston, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Turner, Mrs. N. C. Schlemmer, Mrs. Dora Barbee, Mrs. J. C. Harris of Manor, Mrs. Rost Whisenant, Misses Carpenter, Storts, Moore, Ida Moore, Naupt, Pickerl, Messrs. W. P. Wallace, R. J. Stedge, Jr., T. D. Shepherd, C. Seawright, J. C. Storts, J. K. Woods and L. C. Schlemmer.

A Happy Wedding.

Married, at the residence of her uncle, Mr. Edwin Wilson, on Thursday evening last, Miss S. Elizabeth Houx to Mr. Walter S. Williams, Rev. R. J. Briggs of the Tenth Street Methodist church officiating. The bride and her mother have been in the city some time, visiting Mr. Wilson and family. Her father, Rev. J. H. Houx, resides in Warrensburg, Mo., and is a prominent and well known minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and he is known to nearly all Cumberland Presbyterians through his writings in the current literature of his church. The bride is a graduate of the Leland Stanford university of California, and is a highly educated and accomplished woman, whose ever beautiful and ever blessed attributes of mind and heart attract all with whom she comes in contact. All over Missouri she has hosts of admirers and warm friends. Mr. Walter S. Williams, also a native of Warrensburg, Mo., is an accomplished gentleman. He is a skilled civil engineer, and for several years has been a member of the United States engineering corps on the Mississippi river, with headquarters at St. Louis.

The marriage was a quiet one, only a few guests being present. The happy couple, after the ceremony, took the midnight train Thursday night for St. Louis.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

MRS. CHARLTON EDHOLM.

Two Lectures by Her Yesterday to Very Large Audiences.

Mrs. Charlton Edholm, national evangelist of the Florence Crittendon Missions and superintendent of the purity department of the National Woman's Christian Temperance union, addressed a very large audience of men at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association last afternoon. Her subject was "Traffic in Girls and Florence Crittendon Missions."

Many prominent men were present, and her entire audience was profoundly moved and deeply impressed with her thrilling address.

She pathetically told of her own sorrowful personal experience in life and graphically depicted the unutterable horrors suffered by thousands upon thousands of young girls lured and snared into haunts of infamy. She referred to two recent cases in Austin, one of which the legislature had a committee investigating.

Mrs. Edholm, as a reporter on the San Francisco morning papers for many years, learned much of the dark side of life, and yesterday, in her inimitable way and her deeply impressive manner, she told stories of agony and suffering and shame that are known to all reporters.

She informed her hearers how the traffic in girls is conducted, and in touching and beautiful language she appealed to the men to gird up their loins and do something to check and stop it.

Mrs. Edholm has been in the slums of New York, San Francisco, Chicago and other great cities, and she has a thorough knowledge of her subject. She declared that there is an organized and systematic traffic in girls, and her remarks called to mind a fight made by The Statesman thirteen years ago that broke up a gang of professional procurers in this city.

Mrs. Edholm pictures the deadful effects of this traffic, and hearts were touched that possibly have not been touched for many a day. She told as only Mrs. Edholm can tell it, the true story of Dr. Joe Rivers of Chicago, familiar to hundreds of newspaper readers, and hearts were deeply moved and tears welled up into eyes not accustomed to tears.

She earnestly declared that the liquor traffic was at the bottom of the traffic in girls and recited stories of saloon men and reformed procurers to sustain her position.

She then delineated the work of the Florence Crittendon Missions and said two had been established in Texas, one in Dallas and one in Houston. Through these missions, she said, thousands of these wayward "little sisters are redeemed because lovingly pointed to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world."

At the close of her remarks she took up a collection for the missions, and $70.95 was contributed. In addition to this thirty-two copies of her book, "Traffic in Girls and Florence Crittendon Missions," were subscribed for at 50 cents each.

Last Night's Meeting.

Last night Mrs. Edholm addressed the largest congregation at the Tenth Street Methodist church that has been in that spacious edifice for many a day. Every available seat was taken, and the aisles filled with chairs. The organ loft contained about fifty people and scores were turned away, unable to get into the building.

She was introduced to the large congregation by Dr. Briggs in a neat little speech, and she started off on her main lecture by telling that Bishop Hargrove of the Methodist church, South, was the first to start her out upon the lecture platform. "I'm a Presbyterian, myself," she said, "and you know the Presbyterians teach that women should keep silent, and I feel I owe the Methodist church a great deal, because it opened up the way for me to speak." Her discourse was along the main line of the one delivered during the afternoon, and in her arraignment of the liquor traffic she pathetically and earnestly referred to the terrible death of young Tucker yesterday morning. She frequently moved her hearers to tears, and she deeply impressed all that she is an honest, zealous and enthusiastic worker in the mission of saving girls and uplifting humanity.

Mrs. Edholm is an interesting speaker, and if there be any goodliness, if there be any loveliness in the character of noble, pure women, surely it is found in such as she is. Her addresses are beautifully worded and she presents her subject in such a delicate way that none are offended.

FINE BEEVES.

A Large Train Load Brought in Yesterday for Shipment.

Mr. Will Blocker reached the city last afternoon with about 400 very fine and fat beeves. They were sleek and perfect pictures of health, and to see the cowboys forcing them to ford the river last afternoon was an interesting sight.

Mr. Dud More also had a bunch of very fine beeves, which he crossed over the river yesterday.

All these animals will be sent to Chicago and they will make up a large train, which will be sent through on special quick time by the International Railroad.

SAN JACINTO BATTLE GROUND.

Names of the Commissioners to Be Appointed by Gov. Culberson.

When the act for the purchase of the battle ground of San Jacinto goes into effect Governor Culberson will appoint the following commissioners: James M. Hill, Austin; W. T. Burns, Houston; S. J. Hendricks, Henderson.

Mr. Hill participated in the battle of San Jacinto, is one of the presiding officers of the Texas Veteran association, and is active mentally and physically.

Senator Burns is the author of the bill which the commissioners are to carry into effect.

Judge Hendrick is a grandson of Allen Vince, who was in the battle and was the owner and builder of Vince's bridge spoken of in the history of the battle.

Several Truthful Men.

Several truthful men were abroad yesterday, telling of having seen the arship Saturday night. They say it passed over Austin.

A GHASTLY FIND.

Lem Tucker Run Over by a Heavy Freight Train.

The engineer on the southbound International train that left here at 5:30 yesterday morning, about a mile south of the river bridge, discovered alongside the track the horribly mangled remains of a white man. He stopped his train, and a family living nearby were notified and they sent word to the city, and Justice Johnson went over to hold an inquest.

The Particulars.

The man was Lem Tucker, a cowboy and stockman, who has been about the Austin stockyards for several years and who recently has been employed by Nolan & Troewine, the cattle dealers.

Tucker was about 22 years of age and was a good cowboy. Saturday night he was in town drinking until a late hour, and about 12 o'clock, on foot, he started for Mr. Cal Roy's, who lives about a mile and a half or two miles southeast of the city, and with whom he boarded.

About 12 o'clock Saturday night he was seen crossing the bridge at the foot of the Avenue. A young man overtook him on the bridge and went with him as far as the store of Davenport & Co., situated at the south end of the approach to the bridge, where the road to Blanco leaves the main Avenue.

Tucker was pretty drunk, but was able to walk and looked to the young man as if he could take care of himself.

It is believed that on his way home he reached the railroad crossing near the rock quarry, about a mile from the river, just as a heavy freight train, due here about 1 o'clock in the morning, thundered down the heavy grade to the bridge, and it caught and crushed his life out in an instant, just as he was crossing the track.

Another theory advanced is that about the time he reached the track he was overcome with liquor and either laid or fell down and went to sleep with his body across the east rail, and the ponderous train rolled over him.

The Mangled Body.

A Statesman reporter viewed the remains, which were taken charge of by Weed & Rosengren's undertaking establishment.

The wheels of the train passed directly over the body, just below the breast bone, severing it completely and dragging the head, shoulders and breast some twelve or fifteen feet from the lower trunk and limbs. They were dragged in the direction of the city, showing that the deadly work had been done by the incoming freight mentioned above. His right arm was completely cut in two at the elbow, and the fingers on the left hand were cut off. His head and face were slightly cut and his lower limbs were badly bruised.

The remains were lying on the east side of the track when gathered up by Mr. Rush McCulloch, assistant undertaker at Weed & Rosengren's.

Lem Tucker's parents live on the Pedernales and a massage was sent them yesterday, and they were expected to reach the city some time last night.

Young Tucker had been a cowboy for years, was a jolly soul and had many friends among stockmen, who will deeply deplore his sudden and sad death.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

Emancipation Meeting.

The colored folks will hold a meeting tonight at the county court house to consider the matter of their emancipation celebration on June 19.

Highland Curch.

Dr. Hall commenced a series of meetings Sunday night at Highland Presbyterian church. Services were held last night and there will be preaching again tonight at 8:30.

Baseball.

There was a very interesting game of ball at the City park yesterday afternoon between the Tenth Ward Joplins and the Y. M. C. A team. The score resulted 18 to 7 in favor of the Joplins. The features of the game were three base hits by Jack Rabbit and two base hits by Jones, Wolf, Turney and Smith.

Took Up a Horse.

Officer Gibson, Sunday night, found a stray horse and wagon, which he placed in a wagon yard, for safe keeping.

More Improvements.

City Clerk John O. Johoson issued the following building permits yesterday:

Dr. N. O. Brenizer, brick residence on Congress avenue, block 84, lot 9, division E, to cost $2500.

J. W. Benson, for frame residence in northeast Austin, on Cameron road, to cost $500.

Lem Tucker.

The father of Lem Tucker, who was run over and killed on the International Railroad, reached the city yesterday morning and took charge of his son's remains. They were conveyed to Barton cemetery about twenty miles sothwest of town for burial.

Passed Over the River.

William G. Maynard died early yesterday morning, after a brief illness. He was a son-in-law of the late Capt. Stringer, and for many, many years during Capt. Stringer's life time, he was clerk at the Avenue hotel, and was very popular with the traveling public. He was an ex-Confederate soldier, and old veterans were at his funeral, which took place yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

KNOWS HOW.

A Travis County Man Knows How to Build an Airship, but Wont Do It.

In a burst of confidence yesterday Uncle Dick Boyce informed a Statesman reporter that Joe Costa had seen the airship sailing majestically through the deep blue sea of the heavens.

Joe was hunted up and asked if he had seen the aerial mystery.

"I have not seen an airship nor do I want to see one," he indignantly said. "If I wanted to see an airship I'd build one and be done with it. I know exactly how one should be constructed. You know I've watched buzzards, and a ship modeled after them will fly. A buzzard carries with him a compressed air machine, and when he soars high up in the heavens his body is a great deal larger than when he is working his wings and flying near the earth. The body of the buzzard is so constructed that it can compress the air to such a density as to materially lighten its body. Air compressed 2000 or 3000 feet above the earth is much lighter than air down near the earth's surface. No bird can soar near the earth and none of them do so. If I wanted to make an airship I would construct it with buzzard-like mechanism, and after it was once up high above the earth it would soar and stay up. Balloons have no trouble after they once get up high. During Sebe Sneed's lifetime, some twenty years ago, he and I sent on to St. Louis and got three or four large balloons, which we sent up on Onion creek. We heard from one of these balloons some time after. It had drifted north and fell in a man's field on Red river, not far from Paris."

Then Mr. Costa had a far-away look, and said: "If I wanted to I could build an airship that would veer in a northwesterly direction, moving rapidly across the heavens, and present two or three mysterious lights, just as we read the ones seen now are doing, but I have no desire to interfere with the railroad business in the country. If the city doesn't floor the Avenue bridge soon I may build a small one for my private use, so I can get into the city without danger to limb and life. I haven't seen any airship nor do I believe anybody else has. What little liquor I drink doesn't affect me that way."

THE STATE DEPARTMENTS.

Items of General Interest Found in the State House Yesterday.

The Colorado Bridge company of Lampasas yesterday filed its charter with the secretary of state; capital stock, $10,000. Incorporators—A. B. Light, D. C. Thomas and I. P. Ward. The purpose of the corporation is to erect and maintain a wagon bridge across the Colorado river between the counties of Lampasas and San Saba, at Cowell crossing, in McAnelly bend.

Paid Taxes.

The Texas Midland Railroad yesterday paid the comptroller $121.55 tax on its passenger earnings for the quarter ending March 31, 1897. Total passenger earnings for quarter, $12,155.65.

The Commission.

The following authorities were issued from this office yesterday:

Special Authority—In approval of application No. 148 of the International and Great Northern Railroad company, authority is hereby granted for the adoption of the rate of 5 cents per 100 pounds for the transportation of less than car load shipments of fruits and vegetables to Tyler and Jacksonville from points on the International and Great Northern Railroad distant thirty-five miles and less, and for the return of the empty crates and baskets to the owners free. The above rate is authorized for the purpose of concentration of small lots for making up car load shipments to be forwarded from Tyler and Jacksonville.

Effective May 14, 1897.

Special Authority—In approval of application No. 2 of the Gulf and Interstate Railway company of Texas, authority is hereby granted for the adoption of the rate of 6 cents per 100 pounds for the transportation of lumber, in car loads, from Beaumont to Port Bolivar.

Effective May 14, 1897.

A Railroad Charter.

The Galveston, Brazos and Southwestern Railway company filed its charter with the secretary of state today; capital stock, $100,000. Incorporators—F. W. Fickett, J. E. Boren, W. B. Denson, A. J. Johnson, L. P. Featherstone, R. J. Sledge, Sr., Fox Winnie and others. The purpose of the corporation is to construct, equip and operate a line of railroad from a point in Galveston county to a point in Jackson county, where it will connect with the New York, Texas and Mexican Railroad. The proposed road will traverse the counties of Galveston, Brazoria, Matagorda and Jackson. The principal office of the company will be at Galveston, and in addition to a railroad it will also construct and maintain telephone and telegraph lines.

Seeking the Position.

Several days ago, as mentioned in The Statesman, Governor Culberson received notice of the death of Judge Kennedy at Colorado City. The following gentlemen are here seeking the position at the hands of the governor: Messrs. R. H. Looney and J. L. Shepard of Colorado City, A. S. Hawkins of Midland and R. A. Ragland of Sweetwater.

A Happy Wedding.

Mr. Ed Rogers and Miss Agnes Byrne were married last afternoon at the residence of Father Peter Lauth. The groom is the son of County Commissioner Ed Rogers and the bride is the daughter of Mr. John Byrne. She is an intelligent young lady and has many friends who wish her a long and happy life.

FOR THE POLICE.

Would-Be Murderers and Sure-Enough Robbers Wanted in Bastrop.

A few nights ago J. H. Muse, who runs a small store and beer saloon about five miles from Elgin, was robbed and narrowly escaped a horrible death. He was alone in his place of business, lying on a lounge, reading a paper, when two men, one weighing about 200 pounds, the other about 135 pounds, entered the door and walked straight towards him. Thinking they wanted something behind the bar, he rose up from the lounge to wait on them. As he rose the smallest man dealt him a terrible blow, felling him to the floor. He attempted to rise, when the big man struck him with something, supposed to be a sandbag, knocking him senseless. They then proceeded to rifle his pockets, securing $8 in money, after which, while he lay unconscious, they poured oil over his clothing and set fire to it. Just at this time two colored boys rode up in front of the saloon and called Mr. Muse. Seeing the blaze flash up, they turned their horses and rode rapidly to the house of Andrew Campbell, near-by, to whom they told that Mr. Muse's saloon was burning up. Campbell and the boys at once returned and saved Muse from being burned to death.

The following is a description of the two men: One, a large man, weighing about 200 pounds, dark complected, black moustache, wore brown suit of clothes, broad brim black hat. The other, a small man, weighing about 135 pounds, light complected, wearing a dark suit of clothes and crush hat.

COUNTRY FUN.

A Delightful Picnic and a Superb Entertainment Next Friday.

The good people in the southern part of the county, if the weather permits, will give a grand picnic near the Doyle crossing on Onion creek next Friday.

For young folks who like the dance a platform 30x40 feet will be put up and there will be fine music.

On Friday night, if the weather is suitable, the ladies of the Methodist church living in South Austin will give their Liberty entertainment at Pleasant Hill church, not far from the Doyle picnic grounds.

Altogether, Friday is down for a gala day in the southern part of the county.

THE AUSTIN QUEEN.

Miss Archer, the First and Only Choice, Declines the Honor.

At the meeting of the committee to select a queen to represent Austin at the Waco carnival, held Monday morning, Miss Ida May Archer was elected to that honored position without a dissenting voice. It was decided that the selection would not be made public until a committee had waited on Miss Archer and notified her of her selection. The committee waited on her yesterday and she declined the honor. Appreciating fully the honor conferred and the spirit which moved it, Miss Archer returned her sincere thanks to the committee, but declined the appointment, owing to the fact that the carnival will be held at an inconvenient time. The committee, as above stated, were unanimous in selecting Miss Archer, and she has the honor of having been their first and only choice.

Now that she has declined, the committee has decided that they will not name another in her place, believing that the glorious honors she has so long enjoyed at home and in the social circles of the state as the southern beauty will remain hers by right, even though all the beauties in Texas should assemble in line to contest.

The Highland Church Meeting.

This meeting, which is conducted by Rev. R. M. Hall of San Antonio, in the seminary on August street, where Mr. Hall received his theological training under Dr. Dabney and Dr. Smoot, has been in progress just one week. The meeting was well attended last night, and the services were unusually solemn and impressive. The congregation was composed mostly of young people and children, who are delighted with the fervent and impressive manner in which the preacher unfolds the precious truths of the Bible and tells the old, old story of Jesus and His love. His earnest appeals, apt and beautiful illustrations gain and hold their attention through the entire discourse, and much good is being effected. Song service every night at 8:15 o'clock. Preaching at 8:30 o'clock.

Timely Topics.

To The Statesman:

In my last communication I had something to say about judicial affairs in our county and expressed myself as pleased with the spirit of reform that is now manifest in the operation of our courts of justice. My pleasure is shared by all who have had an opportunity of comparing existing conditions with those of the past. It was my desire to give honor to whom honor was due, but I am afraid, from remarks I have heard on my last letter, that I did not make a fair division of them. To some it seemed to extol Judge Brooks as the pioneer reformer and hold up Judge Morris as a mere disciple of the former. This would be putting Judge Morris in a very false position, for it is a fact that he had begun the herculean task of cleaning the Austin judicial stables before Judge Brooks ascended the bench.

It will be in the memory of those in court at the time, and especially in that of the offending lawyer, that Judge Morris fined one leading lawyer $50 for contempt of court and before the case on hand was finished another $50 for a repetition of the offense. These were not mere displays of the majesty of the law, to be withdrawn on the expression of the delinquent's regret, accompanied by a bald-headed apology; but were solid orders for cash. The orders were duly paid, and the money passed over to the road and bridge fund.

It just occurs to me that if this principle were more frequently applied that the court would be held in more respect, justice would not suffer, and the fund thus raised might be applied to the repair of our sadly crippled bridge.

While I do not take anything back I wrote in praise of Judge Brooks and the way he is performing his duty, I think it is but just that Judge Morris should have his share of the taffy and be first served.

I have very recently had an unusually good opportunity of forming an opinion of the latter's capacity as a judge and I have great satisfaction in affirming that his actions as judge will compare favorably with those of any man who has preceded him, and in many respects he is ahead of the majority of them. He is an able, conscientious and courageous man, and is doing much to restore the character of the court.

But there is a lot of work ahead in the same line, and it is to be hoped that, having "put his hand to the plow," he will not look back. DIOGENES.

Regents' Meeting.

The regents of the State University will meet next Saturday in Galveston.

Mission Service.

There will be services tonight in the mission hall on East Sixth street. The mission is open to all and all are invited.

Their First Communion.

Rev. Father Lauth, the kindly and able priest who has charge of St. Mary's church in this city, is doing much for his people and church, and he is earnestly laboring to especially point young people to a higher and nobler Christian life. Sunday twelve boys and twenty-one happy girls partook of their first communion, Father Lauth solemnly and impressively officiating.

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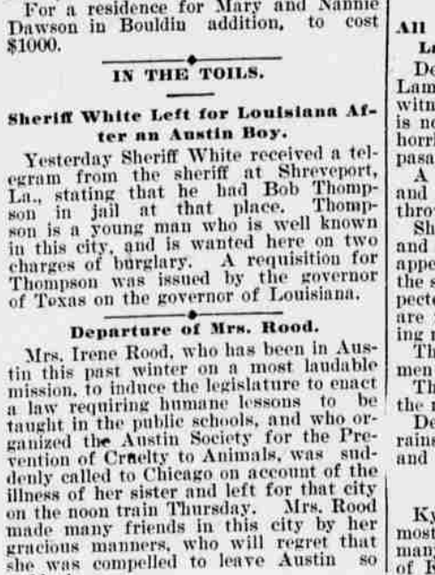

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